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Note by the Secretariat

1. The Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance was established pursuant to decision 2/6 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. In its decision 4/3, the Conference decided that the Working Group should be a constant element of the Conference. The previous meetings of the Working Group were held on 16 and 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5 October 2007, on 15 and 16 October 2008, on 1 and 2 October 2009, on 19 and 20 October 2010 and on 17 and 18 October 2012.

2. In its resolution 6/1 on ensuring effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and its Protocols, the Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to continue providing technical assistance in order to support and complement national, regional and thematic programmes and activities based on the needs and priorities of Member States in combating transnational organized crime.

3. Furthermore, in its resolution 6/4 on the implementation of the provisions on technical assistance of the Organized Crime Convention, the Conference noted that technical assistance was a fundamental part of the work carried out by UNODC to assist Member States in the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

4. The Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance held its seventh meeting from 28 to 30 October 2013. In accordance with the decision of the extended Bureau of the Conference of 12 December 2013, the report on the

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seventh meeting of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2013/5) will be made available to the Conference at its seventh session.